

11. (Once amended) The process in accordance with claim 10 wherein the alkyl group [substituent] has 3 [or more] to 5 carbon atoms.

12. (Once amended) The process in accordance with claim [11] 10 wherein the bulky ligand is one or more cyclopentadienyl [derived] ligands, wherein one of the cyclopentadienyl [derived] ligands is substituted with at least one alkyl having 3 or 4 [more] carbon atoms.

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13. (Once amended) The process in accordance with claim [12] 10 wherein the bulky ligands are two cyclopentadienyl rings [derived ligands] each substituted with at least one alkyl group [substituent] having 3 to 10 [or more] carbon atoms.

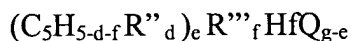
14. (Once amended) The process in accordance with claim 11 [10] wherein the alkyl group [substituent] is selected from one or more of the group consisting of n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl and n-pentyl.

Please cancel claim 15 in its entirety.

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21. (Once amended) A continuous gas phase process for polymerizing olefin(s) in a fluidized bed gas phase reactor in the presence of a catalyst system to produce a polymer product, the catalyst system comprising a bulky ligand hafnium transition metal metallocene-type catalyst compound having at least one bulky ligand substituted with [a substituent] an alkyl group having 3 to 10 [or more] carbon atoms, and the polymer product comprising less than 2 ppm hafnium.

Please cancel claim 24 in its entirety.

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27. (Once amended) The process in accordance in accordance with claim 21 wherein the catalyst system is represented by the formula:



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wherein $(C_5H_{5-d-f}R''_d)$ is an unsubstituted or substituted cyclopentadienyl ligand bonded to Hf, wherein at least one $(C_5H_{5-d-f}R''_d)$ is substituted with at least one R'' which is an alkyl group selected from the group consisting of n-propyl, isopropyl, isobutyl and n-pentyl, [substituent having 3 or more carbon atoms] each additional R'' , which can be the same or different is hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl having from 1

to 30 carbon atoms or combinations thereof or two or more carbon atoms are joined together to form a part of a substituted or unsubstituted ring or ring system having 4 to 30 carbon atoms, R''' is one or more or a combination of the group consisting of carbon, germanium, silicon, phosphorous and nitrogen atoms containing radical bridging two (C₅H_{5-d-f}R''_d) rings, or bridging one (C₅H_{5-d-f}R''_d) ring to Hf; each Q which can be the same or different is selected from the group consisting of a hydride, substituted and unsubstituted hydrocarbyl having from 1 to 30 carbon atoms, halogen, alkoxides, aryloxides, amides, phosphides and combination thereof; two Q's together form an alkylidene ligand or cyclometallated hydrocarbyl ligand or other divalent anionic chelating ligand; where g is an integer corresponding to the formal oxidation state of Hf, d is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, f is 0 ^{or 1} and e is 1, 2, or 3, and the polymer product has a melt index less than 0.1 dg/min without the addition of hydrogen to the process.

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28. (Once amended) A continuous slurry phase process for polymerizing olefin(s) in the presence of a catalyst system to produce a polymer product in a liquid polymerization medium, the catalyst system comprising a bulky ligand hafnium transition metal metallocene-type catalyst compound having at least one bulky ligand substituted with [a substituent] at least one alkyl group having from 3 to 10 [or more] carbon atoms, and the polymer product comprising less than 2 ppm hafnium.

Claim 32, line 6, between R'' and the word "is" please insert the word ---which---

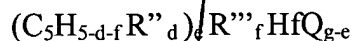
Claim 32, line 6, please delete the words "or more" and substitute therefor, ---to 10---

Please add the following new claims:

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Claim 51. (New) The process in accordance with claim 12 wherein the alkyl group has 3 carbon atoms.

Claim 52. (New) A process for polymerizing olefin(s) in the presence of a catalyst system comprising a hafnium transition metal metallocene ~~type~~ catalyst having at least one cyclopentadienyl ring substituted with at least one alkyl group selected from group consisting of n-propyl, isopropyl, isobutyl and n-pentyl, and an activator.

C Claim 53 (New) A continuous gas phase process for polymerizing olefin(s) in a fluidized bed gas phase reactor in the presence of a catalyst system to produce a polymer product, the catalyst system comprising a bulky ligand hafnium transition metal metallocene type catalyst represented by the formula:



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B wherein $(C_5H_{5-d-f}R''_d)$ is an unsubstituted or substituted cyclopentadienyl ligand bonded to Hf, wherein at least one $(C_5H_{5-d-f}R''_d)$ is substituted with at least one R'' which is an alkyl group selected from the group consisting of n-propyl, isopropyl, isobutyl and n-pentyl, each additional R'' , which can be the same or different is hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbyl having from 1 to 30 carbon atoms or combinations thereof or two or more carbon atoms are joined together to form a part of a substituted or unsubstituted ring or ring system having 4 to 30 carbon atoms, R''' is one or more or a combination of the group consisting of carbon, germanium, silicon, phosphorous and nitrogen atoms containing radical bridging two $(C_5H_{5-d-f}R''_d)$ rings, or bridging one $(C_5H_{5-d-f}R''_d)$ ring to Hf; each Q which can be the same or different is selected from the group consisting of a hydride, substituted and unsubstituted hydrocarbyl having from 1 to 30 carbon atoms, halogen, alkoxides, aryloxides, amides, phosphides and combination thereof; two Q's together form an alkylidene ligand or cyclometallated hydrocarbyl ligand or other divalent anionic chelating ligand; where g is an integer corresponding to the formal oxidation state of Hf, d is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, f is 0 or 1 and e is 1, 2, or 3, and the polymer product has a melt index less than 10 dg/min without the addition of hydrogen to the process. LASTIN 0-1238-F or ASTM 0-1238-F

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the above amendments and remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 10 – 14, 16 – 23, 25 – 32 and 51 - 53 are now before the examiner.

Claims 15 and 24 have been cancelled.

New claims 51 – 53 have been added.

Claims 10 – 14, 21, 27, 28 and 32 have been amended.